# SEND Information Report 2026-2027

**Aims of this report:**

At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we believe every child deserves the right support to thrive. This report explains how we help children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in our school. It's here to give you clear, honest information about the support we offer, how we work with families, and how we make sure every child feels included, valued, and successful—both in school and beyond.

**Meet the Newhall Infant and Nursery School Inclusion Team**



**Shelley White** is our **Headteacher** who oversees the provision for children with SEND.

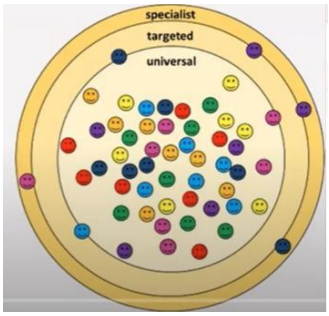


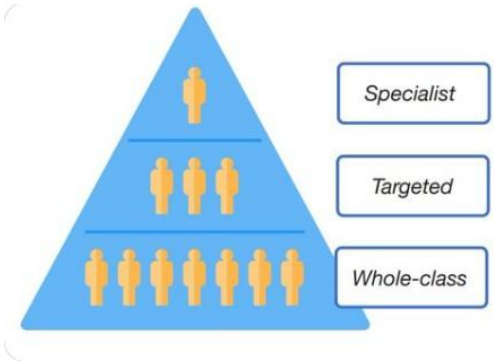
**Claire Butler** is our **Assistant Headteacher And Pastoral Lead**. She assists Families with Early Help, advice and Working with External agencies.



**Penny Pooley** is our **SENDCo.** She has the responsibility for co-ordinating the provision for all children in school who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

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| **Our school and SEND provision** | Newhall Infant and Nursery School is a mainstream primary school which caters for children with a wide range of needs. This includes pupils with identified special educational needs and those who have a specific medical need or disability. Staff know our children, their background, their needs, achievements, social contexts and individual journeys and this enables a personalised approach to learning, stretching beyond the classroom. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion at Newhall Infant and Nursery School are always a priority and tailored provision is planned for and provided to ensure that the needs of all our children are met in line with the principles outlined in our SEND Policy. |

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| **The SENDCo** | Mrs Penny Pooley is our SENDCo and can be contacted directly on 01283 216496 or penny.pooley@newhallinfants.co.uk |
| **How do we identify children with SEND?**<br><br>**The Graduated Response**<br><br><br> | Some children will enter school with identified needs, however for others, their needs do not become fully apparent until they enter or progress through our school. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and during this process will identify children whose progress and attainment is becoming a cause for concern. They will identify children who are working below the expected standard for their age across the four main areas of need.<br>This is through:<br>• **Regular communication with parents/carers**<br>• **Regular communication as a staff body**<br>• **Transition meetings when a child is new to school**<br>• **Pupil progress meetings**<br>• **Data analysis**<br>• **Learning walks**<br>• **Book looks**<br>• **Gathering child, staff and parent/carer voice.**<br><br>We follow the graduated response approach by implementing the 'assess, plan, do, review' approach. This involves adapting high-quality first teaching strategies, planning interventions and reviewing their impact and gathering further information to create a clearer picture of the child's needs. Depending on the identified need, this could involve observations by the SENDCo, outside agencies, completion of checklists or formal assessments. |

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| **What is our approach to teaching children with SEND?** | Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all children in their class and therefore inclusive high-quality first teaching and learning for all children is our first step in responding to pupils who have SEND. This will be adapted for individual children to enable them to access the curriculum alongside their peers. We will make the following adaptations to ensure all children's needs are met by:<br>• Scaffolding our daily provision to ensure that all children are supported to access the curriculum alongside their peers, for example, by giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud.<br>• Adapting our teaching, resources and staffing. All staff have a copy of and refer to a document entitled 'High-Quality First Teaching Adaptations for SEND' which contains strategies to support children in the classroom under the four areas of need. There are also documents to support more specific adaptations in each of the individual subject areas. |
| **Our Three-Tiered approach to Support and Intervention**<br> | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we use a tiered approach to support all children, including those with SEND. This means:<br>• **Universal (Whole Class)** – all children benefit from high-quality teaching in the classroom.<br>• **Targeted** – some children receive extra help in small groups or through targeted interventions.<br>• **Specialist** - A few children require more specialist support tailored to their individual needs. |

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<td><u>How We Adapt Our Curriculum and Environment for Children with SEND</u></td>
<td>At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we believe every child should be able to access learning in a way that works for them. As a mainstream school, we adapt our curriculum and environments to meet the needs of all learners, including those with SEND. This means using different teaching strategies, resources, and support to help children take part in lessons, feel included, and make progress alongside their peers. We make sure that every child feels safe, supported, and able to succeed.</td>
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<td>We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for children with SEND through:
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<li>Reviewing children's progress towards the outcomes on their pupil profiles</li>
<li>Holding termly reviews with parents</li>
<li>Reviewing the impact of interventions on a regular basis</li>
<li>Listening to and capturing the child's own voice and involving them in their reviews where appropriate</li>
<li>Regular monitoring by SENDCo by visiting children in classes, speaking to staff and children and looking through the children's books</li>
<li>Consulting with and taking feedback from outside agencies</li>
<li>Holding annual reviews for pupils with EHC plans</li>
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<td><u>Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) – How are these reviewed at Newhall Infant and Nursery School?</u></td>
<td>At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we follow best practice guidance from the SEND Code of Practice to review children's progress towards their EHCP targets. This ensures every child receives the right support to thrive. Here's how we do it:<br>We hold a formal Annual Review every year (or every 6 months for children in Early Years).</td>
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| | We meet with parents/carers, children, and professionals to reflect on progress and plan next steps.<br>We listen to the child's views and the family's experiences, your voice matters.<br>We check if the support in place is still right and update the EHCP if needed.<br>We set new short-term targets and agree to how we'll work together to help your child achieve them.<br>This process helps us make sure every child with an EHCP is getting the right support to thrive both now and in the future.<br> |
| **How do we work with parents and carers?** | When a child's progress in any aspect of their development becomes a cause for concern, we will have an early discussion with the child and their parents when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will make sure that:<br>• Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty.<br>• Everyone understands the agreed outcomes for the child and what the next steps are.<br>We will notify parents and carers when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEND support and parents will receive a copy of the Individual support plan detailing their child's provision. This will formally outline the support the child is receiving and will include:<br><br>• The child's current assessments<br>• Their identified barriers and strategies to address these<br>• The child's own views<br>• A clear outline of the provision for the child and the intended and measurable outcomes.<br>Parents then continue to be included at every step of their child's journey through regular (at least termly) reviews of the support in place. |

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| **Working with our Children** | We believe that every child's voice matters. At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we make sure children with SEND are involved in their education by:<br>• Talking with them about what helps them learn best.<br>• Including them in planning their support and learning journey.<br>• Involving them in review meetings (where appropriate) so they can share what's working and what's not.<br>• Listening carefully to their thoughts, feelings, and ideas—because they know themselves best.<br>• This helps us build a learning experience that's right for each child and makes sure they feel heard, respected, and supported.<br> |
| **Inclusive Opportunities for All in the Wider Curriculum** | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we believe every child should be able to take part in the full life of our school. Children with SEND are actively encouraged and supported to join in with everything we offer, including:<br>• Breakfast and after-school clubs<br>• Specialist sports clubs and coaching<br>• School trips and visits<br>There are also opportunities for:<br>• School council and pupil voice groups<br>• Assemblies and performances<br>• Celebrations, themed days, and enrichment weeks<br>• Community events and charity fundraising<br>We make sure that any additional support needed is in place so that every child can take part, feel included, and enjoy the same exciting experiences as their peers. |

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| **Staff Training and Expertise** | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we are committed to making sure all staff have the knowledge and skills they need to support children with SEND effectively. The Team is committed to ensuring that all staff are provided with opportunities to enable them to support children with a range of specific needs. As a child joins the school or new class, specific training is put in place to ensure that the child's needs can be met. The SENDCo attends relevant SEND courses, SENDCo Network meetings and facilitates/signposts relevant SEND focused external training opportunities for all staff. We recognise the need to train all our staff on SEND issues.<br><br>The SENDCo, with the senior leadership team, ensures that training opportunities are matched to school development priorities. Training can be made available for whole staff or specific groups, such as governors, midday staff, support staff. This can be accessed through the Local Authority or through in-house training.<br><br>This ongoing professional development helps us stay up to date with the latest research and best practice, so we can provide the right support for every child, every day. |
| **Working with Support Services** | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we know that supporting children with SEND is a team effort. That's why we work closely with a range of professionals and services to make sure every child, and their family gets the help they need.<br>• We involve external specialists to better understand and meet each child's needs.<br>• We work with services that support families, offering guidance and practical help. |

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| | • We have received expert advice to make sure our provision is the very best it can be.<br>With parental consent, we work with the following agencies to support our children and families:<br>• Inclusion Support Advisory Service (ISAS)<br>• Educational Psychologists<br>• Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)<br>• Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)<br>• Occupational Therapy (OT)<br>• Physiotherapy<br>• Visual impairment, Hearing Impairment and Physical Impairment Teams<br>These partnerships help us provide tailored support, build strong relationships with families, and ensure every child can thrive in school and beyond. |
| **How do we support children who are moving between phases?** | Transitions, whether it's starting school, moving to a new class, or preparing for Junior school can be a big step for any child, especially those with SEND. At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we know how important it is to get this right. We support all our children to have smooth transitions between settings whether they are entering our setting, moving to a new class within our school or leaving us for another school.<br>This happens in several ways:<br>• **When a child with additional needs joins Newhall Infant and Nursery School:** Every effort is made to ensure that they have a smooth transition and that training resources are in place to meet their individual needs. Staff will liaise with the child's previous school or setting to ensure that all the relevant information has been shared, so the best possible outcomes can be achieved.<br>• **If your child is moving to another school:** We will contact the school's SENDCo and ensure they know about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child. Where possible, a planning meeting will take place with the |




SENDCo from the new school where we will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible. Enhanced transition arrangements are put in place in agreement with parents, carers and where applicable external support services for example: additional visits to support infant-junior transition and the use of pastoral intervention such as social stories and formulation of a transition book.

- **When moving classes in school:** Information will be passed on to the new class teacher in advance and in most cases a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. Individual plans will be shared with the new teacher. Enhanced transition arrangements are put in place in agreement with parents, carers and where applicable external support services for example: additional visits to support infant-junior transition and the use of additional pastoral intervention such as social stories and formulation of a transition book.
- **Junior school:** Partnerships are established with the local Junior school/s. Information will be passed on. The SENDCo and class teacher will discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENDCo of the child's Junior school. Where appropriate, a transition review meeting to which you will be invited will take place with the SENDCo from the new school. Your child will participate in focused learning relating to aspects of transition, to support their understanding of the changes ahead. Where possible, your child will visit their new school on several occasions as part of an enhanced provision. In some cases, staff will visit the child within the school setting. Adults from the new school will be identified with a focus on developing positive relationships and effective transition. Enhanced transition arrangements are put in place in agreement with parents, carers and where applicable external support services for example: additional visits to support transition and the use of additional pastoral intervention such as social stories and formulation of a transition book.

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| **How do we support children's wider development and well-being?** | We recognise that children's development and progress is not only measured by academic success and therefore provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:<br>• We have a school council in which all children are supported to have a voice.<br>• We have calm, quiet spaces and sensory resources which all children can access.<br>• We have a senior mental health lead<br>• Children with SEND can access all extra-curricular activities and participation is actively encouraged.<br>• Attendance monitoring and support is provided<br>• We have dedicated and trained staff to run our Positive Play sessions and Nurture Group sessions.<br><br>We also ensure that all members of our school community are treated with tolerance and respect. This is taught as part of our curriculum, PSHE focused lessons and through regular assemblies. |
| **Preventing Bullying at Newhall Infant and Nursery School** | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying. We work hard to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and protected.<br>Our curriculum and assemblies include a strong focus on helping children understand and celebrate differences.<br>We also provide many opportunities for pupil voice, so children feel heard and empowered to speak up. Our approach to behaviour is rooted in relationships, kindness, and mutual respect, helping us build a culture where bullying is not accepted and every child feels safe. |

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| **Supporting Looked After Children with SEND** | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we recognise that children who are looked after and have special educational needs may face additional challenges. We are committed to providing the right support, both emotionally and academically, to help them thrive.<br>We work closely with carers, social workers, the Virtual School, and any other professionals involved to ensure that each child's needs are fully understood and met. Their support is carefully planned and regularly reviewed through their EHCP and Personal Education Plan (PEP), ensuring a joined-up approach.<br>Our SENDCO, and our Designated Looked After Teacher, Penny Pooley, works to:<br>• Coordinate support and provision tailored to the child's needs.<br>• Ensure their voice is heard in planning and review meetings.<br>• Monitor progress closely and respond quickly to any changes.<br>• Provide a safe, nurturing environment where they feel valued and included.<br><br>By working in partnership with families and professionals, we aim to give every looked after child with SEND the stability, support, and opportunities they need to succeed. |

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| **What if I am not happy with the support being provided?** | Any complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the SENDCo or Headteacher in the first instance to seek a resolution. Parents/carers will then be referred to the school's complaints policy on the school website if they feel that their complaint has not been addressed at this level.<br><br>Derbyshire information Advice & Support Service for SEND<br>Providing impartial advice for special educational needs and disability |
| **Who can I contact for support?** | Additional services are recommended to parents, carers and young people as and when a need arises. Services which may be recommended include support groups, charitable organisations, clubs for children and DIASS. Parents/carers will be signposted to the Derbyshire local offer page on the website, access to this can be supported if parents have difficulties accessing a computer. The local authority produces their 'local offer' which enables parents to see the services which are available locally for children with SEND. Derbyshire's local offer can also be found in the link below:<br>www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org<br><br>DERBYSHIRE LOCAL OFFER |

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| **Evaluating Our SEND Provision** | At Newhall Infant and Nursery School, we regularly review and evaluate our SEND provision to make sure it's making a real difference for our children. We do this by:<br>• Tracking progress towards individual targets and EHCP outcomes<br>• Reviewing the impact of interventions and support strategies<br>• Listening to the views of children, parents, and staff<br>• Working with outside agencies to reflect on what's working and what could be improved<br>• Regular monitoring by the SENDCo by visiting children in classes, looking at their work and attending pupil progress meetings.<br>• Work in partnership with outside agencies to ensure that the provision in place is right for the children in our school.<br>  • For those children who it is not possible to track progress against the usual methods, we use appropriate small step tracking systems appropriate for the area of need, such as Autism Education Trust Framework, and Boxall.<br>This helps us to continuously improve our provision, celebrate successes, and make sure every child with SEND is getting the support they need to thrive. |

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